

CULTURAL FEAST

Exhibition

Saying it with symbols

Theatre

Title: Khandani
Troupe: 3rd batch, Nagorik
Natyangon Institute of Drama
Venue: Experimental Theatre, Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy
Date & Time: October 6, at 6:30 pm

Jean-Claude Carrière Retrospective

Organisers: Zahir Raihan Film Society & The Alliance Française of Dhaka

October 5
6:00pm The Unbearable Lightness of Being
Venue: Alliance Française de Dacca, 26 Mirpur Road, Dhanmondi

Painting Exhibition

Title: The Story of modern myth
Artist: Roknuzzaman Murshed
Venue: Alliance Française de Dacca, 26 Mirpur Road, Dhanmondi
Date: September 28-October 7
Time: 9:00 am to 12:00 pm and 5:00 pm to 9 pm



Works (top and bottom) by Roknuzzaman Murshed

FAYZA HAQ

ROKNUZZAMAN Murshed feels that present life is like a myth -- that it is something that cannot be discarded or accepted totally, that it is full of mystery and cannot be comprehended fully.

Story of Modern Myth 12, done in 2004, brings in world leaders, Bush and Blair. They are presented as a horse and a bull. They appear quite attractive though they have beastly natures.

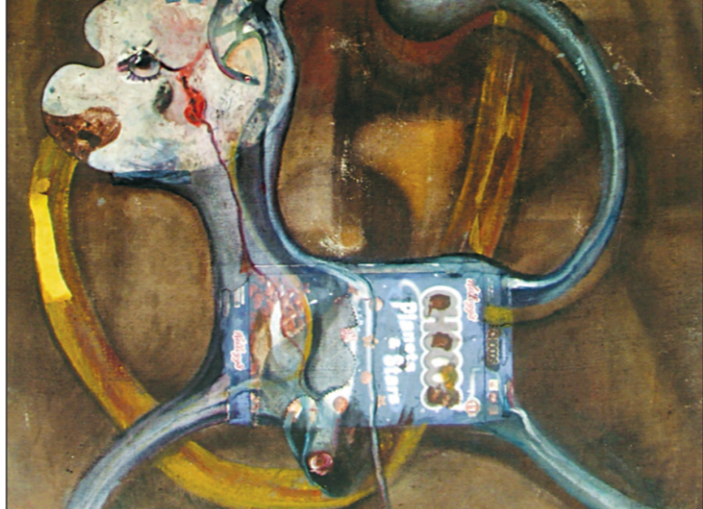
themselves in a sophisticated manner and earn an attractive representation though at heart they are cruel and selfish," says the artist. One of the animals has its tongue protruding and eyes staring in a strange manner.

Another picture in the series deals with the trouble with electricity in Chapainawabganj. A figure is shown dancing under a lamp while two are attacking a giant candle.

chimney and the candle are symbolic. Myth-16 depicts an apple and a vase and is painted with shades of orange and red.

Roknuzzaman has done his masters in Fine Arts from University of Alternate Development (UDA). His teachers have been Shajahan Ahmed Bikash, Syed Azizur Rahman and Nisar Hussain.

Myth-4 depicts a face that is positively frightening. In actuality the person bearing the face has seen something that is quite scary.



Chit chat with a child artiste

"I never want to grow up"

-- Deeghi

MAHMUDA AFROZ

A cherubic baby girl came into the lives of actors Doel and Shubroto on October 26, 2001. She lit up their world with joy and happiness. Little did they know that in just four years this baby girl would be a child star in her own right.

Says Deeghi's mother Doel, "We never thought of putting our child into showbiz. But when the Pepsodent commercial came along, seeing the script we couldn't refuse."

After her first two commercials Deeghi is now quite comfortable in front of the camera. Her maturity belies her age. She has successfully modeled for Danish guava juice, Navana apartments, Elite Ranga Mehendi, and Elite drink.

This multi-talented tiny tot soon signed her first movie Kabuliwala, based on Ranindranath Tagore's familiar short story. Her parents were also a part of the cast.

Besides Kabuliwala, Deeghi has also acted in Daadima, Chachchu, Chachchu 2 (a sequel to Chachchu), Kopal and Deeghi amar Deeghi.

Though Deeghi has a very busy schedule, like any four-year-old she loves watching cartoons and playing with her pets and pans. Her favourite cartoon is Tom and Jerry.

Deeghi is very fond of her mom's cooking, especially her chicken curry and Maggi noodles with a lot of egg in it. In her own words, "Though I love Ammu's cooking, when I go out I like having Chinese food."



Deeghi

what else she loves, the child artiste says, "I love my Pintu Chachu whom I call Babu. I love going to Wonderland and to my grandparents' house. I absolutely love talking to my friends over the phone. I never want to grow up because everyone loves me so much now."

As for her future plans, her mother asserts, "As long as she is a child, acting is fine. But once she grows up she has to complete her graduation. After that she is free to decide what she wants to do."

In the past nine months Deeghi has received more than 10 awards. She has won awards from the Phulkoti Shongothon, Shako Telefilm, CJFB, Trab, Bangladesh Cultural Reporters' Unity and Bichitro Shongbad to mention but a few.

Junoon: Blending Sufism with rock music

The genesis of Pakistani band 'Junoon' (obsession or passion in Urdu) is interesting. Apparently the name came to lead guitarist and vocalist Salman Ahmad in a dream when he 'saw' one of his teachers shaking him and saying, "Tumhey moussiqi junoon hai!"

Currently comprising, Ahmad and Ali Azmat (lead and vocalist), enthusiastic audiences eagerly await every new release. Both members have released their debut solo album in the market. According to Azmat and his team, they are back in the studio for his second solo album, which will be launched in 2007.

The popular band was formed in 1990 by Ahmad and included Azmat on vocals and Nusrat Hussain on keyboards. The group was later complemented by Brian O'Connell (bass guitarist), while band manager Shehryar Ahmad provided the backing.

Though the band's first album, the self-titled Junoon, failed to create a stir in the Pakistani music industry, their second album Talaash began creating a cult following for Junoon. However, it was only after their 1995 release of their third album, Inqilaab (Revolution) that Junoon's popularity reached a zenith.

According to Ahmad: "Our music blends rock with Sufi (a mystical strain of Islam) sentiments. The poetry and songs of Bulle Shah and Baba Farid, both renowned Sufi saints, have attracted me. I have also been inspired by other Sufi masters who believed that it is only through love that one comes closer to each other and God."

A landmark in Junoon's career is the immensely popular hit single Sayonee (1998), a part of their successful



Ali Azmat (L) and Salman Ahmad at a concert

fourth studio album Azadi (Freedom). A year later Junoon released their fifth studio album, named Parvaaz (The Flight), based largely on the poetry of Baba Bulleh Shah. The album was recorded and mixed at Abbey Road Studios in London and hailed by the critics as the group's best work to date.

Among other achievements of the group: a UNESCO invitation to perform at the Millennium Peace Concert in 1999 in Paris; the release of Ishq (2001) and Deewar (2003); the appointment of Ahmad as Goodwill Ambassador by the United Nations. Likewise, following the 9/11 attacks, Junoon helped to organise a concert at the General Assembly on UN Day with Junoon and an Indian group performing at the Assembly Hall, a first of its kind.

The last few years have been productive for Junoon. In 2003 their song Garaj Baras was selected as part of the soundtrack for the Pooja Bhatt film Paap, which topped the charts in 2004.

In 2005, bass guitarist of the band Brian O'Connell returned to his native New York. Pakistani musician Mekal Hazzan and the band's producer John Alec have been playing bass guitar for live shows in his place.

Junoon is still that same sensational entity that it was when it released Inqilaab and Aazadi. Fans await great music and lots of it in their next album.

Compiled by Cultural Correspondent

Movie Watch

"The Last King of Scotland": Idi Amin in focus

Ugandan dictator Idi Amin, who terrorised his country in the 1970s and died in Saudi Arabian exile in 2003, granted himself many outlandish titles during his heinous eight-year reign, among them 'President for Life' and 'Lord of All the Beasts of the Earth and Fishes of the Sea'.

Mercurial and paranoid, he presided over the torture and murder of hundreds of thousands of people, even while his charisma and flamboyant eccentricities continued to charm the international press. Adapted from the acclaimed 1998 novel of the same name by Giles Foden, The Last King of Scotland takes its title from another of Amin's idiosyncrasies: The African despot had a fondness for all things Spot.

Yet Amin is just half the story -- and Whitaker, given such rich source material, carries the easier half. The movie views Amin through the eyes of his personal physician, in a highly novelistic interpretation of reality. (Amin did have a Scottish doctor, but this one is a fabrication.) Recent med school grad

Nicholas Garrigan (James McAvoy) arrives in Uganda on a whim, partly to do good and partly to party. Garrigan is intrigued by Amin, and blind to his luxury-loving employer's evil far longer than he should be.

Eventually, though -- and in an escalation of stakes that tips the movie into the realm of overheated thriller -- the truth becomes a threat to his life. The conclusion suggests, quite questionably, that only through the testimony of white men like the doctor could Ugan-

dans influence world awareness of Amin as a mass murderer.

The balance of star power would appear to be off-kilter -- McAvoy so slight and Orlando Bloomish in a fictional role against Whitaker, who is so substantial in an all-stops-out biographical re-creation. But that disparity turns out to be the point on which the picture pivots.

Source: Internet



Forest Whitaker (C) in a scene from the film

TV GUIDE

PICK OF THE DAY



Ranger Manush
On ntv at 3:15am
Mega Serial
Cast: Salauddin Lavlu, Bonna Mirza, ATM Samshuzzaman



Great Savannah Race
On Discovery Channel at 8:30pm
The unique event featuring the gathering of million animals and their struggle for survival

All programmes are in local time. The Daily Star will not be responsible for any change in the programme.

News Bulletin

BTV
News Headlines (Bangla) at 8:55 am, 12:10 pm, 2:00 pm, 3:00 pm, 4:00 pm, 7:00 pm.
News (Bangla) at 8:00 am, 1:00 pm, 5:00 pm, 8:00 pm.
News (English) at 3:00 pm, 10:00 pm.
Latest News (Bangla and English) 11:30 pm.
CHANNEL-i
News (Bangla) at 7:15 am, 9:00 am, 2:00 pm, 7:00 pm, 9:00 pm, 10:30 pm, 12:15 am.
Teletext of BTV news (Bangla and English) at 11:30 pm.
ATN BANGLA
News (Bangla) at 7:00 am, 10:00 am, 2:00 pm, 7:00 pm, 10:00 pm, 11 pm.
News (English) 8:20 am, 7:00 pm.
Teletext of BTV News (Bangla and English) at 11:30 pm.
Latest News (Bangla) at 9:00 am, 10:00 am, 11:00 am, 1:00 pm, 2:00 pm, 3:00 pm, 4:00 pm, 6:00 pm and 8:00 pm.
ntv
News Headlines (Bangla) at 10:00 am, 12:00 am, 6:15 pm, 9:30 pm.
News (Bangla) 7:30 am, 2:00 pm, 5:00 pm, 7:30 pm, 10:30 pm.
Teletext of BTV News (Bangla and English) at 11:30 pm.
TARA BANGLA
News Headlines (Bangla) at 5:30 pm, 7:30 pm.
Tara News (Bangla) at 8:30 pm, 11:30 pm.
Tara News (Bangladesh) (Bangla) at 9:30 pm.

BTV
09:15 Satellite Broadcast
12:05 Sangbad Potrer Pata Theke
12:30 Maa O Shisur Kotha
01:00 Shukhi Poribhar
02:15 Children's Drama
03:30 Matri Bhasha
04:40 Mahe Ramjan
07:30 Shomoyer Shonglap
08:35 Protidin Bangladesh
08:45 Weekly Drama
10:25 Teknaf Thekey Tetulia
10:30 Apnar Shawsthyo (Live)
ATN BANGLA
09:15 Drama Serial: Tushar Rohoshyo
12:15 Anyodishiti
12:15 Bangla Feature Film
03:45 Islamic Programme
04:15 Mobarak Ho Mahe Ramjan
06:20 Prapok
08:00 Drama Serial: Hortoner Bibi
08:30 Drama Serial: Ferari Siren
09:00 Drama Serial: Koto Chena Koto Achena
09:30 Drama Serial: Mon Tui Badhahin
10:40 Char Deyalar Kabyo
CHANNEL i
09:30 Shangkhat Potre Bangladesh
09:45 Public Reaction
09:50 Grameen Phone
12:30 Aaj Dupure O Citicell Tarokakthon
01:05 Ebong Cinemar Gaan
01:30 Shangkhatpotre Bangladesh

01:45 Public Reaction
02:40 Tritiyo Matrya Apni
03:05 Hridoye Mati O Manusher Daak
04:05 Amader Gaan
04:25 Sa Re Ga Ma Monohar Itar
06:25 Sroshtar Shakhor
07:50 RC Travel on Concert
08:20 Drama Serial: Bishudho
09:35 Onuprobesh
10:00 Drama Serial: Ebong Shomachar
12:00 Grammephone
Ajker Shangkhatpotre
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08:35 Ajker Shakal
09:00 Siddiqua Kabir's Recipe
10:05 Chalochchitro Kotha
10:30 Dhakar Cinema
01:05 Ramjan
02:35 Drama Serial: Labonyoprobha
03:15 Mega Serial: Ranger Manush
03:50 Smitir Janalay
04:25 Hridoye Ramjan
05:15 Dindarpan
05:20 Al Quran
05:45 Jibon Gorar Ashor
06:20 Shubho Shondhya
06:50 Shishuder Shomoy
08:25 Drama Serial: Megh Bolechhe Jabo Jabo
09:00 Glamour World
10:00 Drama Serial: Kuhak Dindarpan
Rtv
09:05 Aj Potrikai
09:30 Prithibir Pathay
10:30 Grihoshaili
11:00 Drama Serial:

11:30 Kagojer Manush
12:05 Antoronyo Alap: Jugolbandi
01:00 Aj Potrikay
02:30 Islamic Programme
03:40 Drama Serial: Raja Bhawal Sonyashi
04:20 Heart Beat
05:10 Oi Sharjomoy Mahe Ramjan
06:00 Ajker Bangladesh
08:00 Drama Serial: Ebong Bhola
08:50 Cookery Show: Rosona R-Ranna
09:20 Drama Serial: Shure Aka Chhobi
10:45 Rtv Exclusive
CHANNEL 1
08:40 Shuprobhat Bangladesh
09:30 Chokh Mele Dekhi Cartoon
10:00 Bangla Feature Film
10:30 Ramjaner Swad
11:30 Sports Star
05:10 Rohomoter Mash
06:10 Saaj Belsa
06:30 Top News
06:45 Jonotar Ishthar
07:00 Ramjaner Swad
08:15 Drama Serial: Ghughur Basha
09:00 Drama Serial: Kanone Kushum Koli
09:30 The One
11:00 Kaal Kotha
BANGLAVISIO
09:30 Chartbusters Music
10:00 Music Mantra Music
10:30 Chartbusters Music
11:00 Thodi Khushi Thode Gham Drama
11:30 Kaisa Ye Pyar Hai Drama
09:00 Ek Ladki Anjaani Si Drama
09:30 Aisa Des Hai Mera Drama
10:00 Thodi Khushi Thode Gham Drama
10:30 Jhalak Dikhla Jaa Gala 5 Dance
11:30 Man Mein Hai Vishwas Spiritual Contd. Contd.
STAR PLUS
09:00 V First Day First Show-Startup
09:30 Kumkum - Pyara Sa Bandhan
10:00 V Trailers - Star Plus
10:30 Shakya Laka Boom Boom
11:30 Karm Apna Apna
12:00 V Trailers - Star Plus
12:25 Bolly V - Star Plus
12:30 Resham Dankh
01:00 Kasautii Zindagii Kay
02:00 Bhabhi
02:30 Kesar
03:00 Saarthi
03:30 Kyunki Saas Bhi Kabhi Bahu Thi
04:00 Kahin To Hoga
04:30 Karm Apna Apna
05:00 Hum Saath Aath Hain
05:25 Bolly V - Star Plus
05:55 V First Day First Show-Startup
06:00 Mum Tum Aur Hum
06:25 Bolly V - Star Plus
06:30 Jantantram Mamantram
08:30 Antariksh
09:00 Kasautii Zindagii Kay

09:30 Viraasat
10:00 Karm Apna Apna
10:30 Kahaani Ghar Ghar Kii
11:00 Kyunki Saas Bhi Kabhi Bahu Thi
11:30 Kahin To Hoga
12:00 K.Street Pail Hill.
HBO
09:45 The Goonies
12:00 Twelve Monkeys
02:30 The Making of Without A Paddle
03:00 Hellboy
03:30 Cradle 2 The Grave
07:30 Over The Top
09:30 Superbabies: Baby Geniuses 2
11:15 The Nutty Professor
STAR MOVIES
08:30 The Truth About Love
10:00 Marked For Death
11:30 The Bridge Of San Luis Rey
01:45 The Ladykillers
03:30 Catch That Kid
05:10 Operation Dumbo Drop
07:00 Soul Plane
08:25 Freaky Friday
STAR WORLD
08:30 Cheers
09:00 The Drew Carey Show
09:30 The Oprah Winfrey Show
10:30 Ed
11:30 Boston Legal
12:30 J.A.G.
01:30 Knight Rider
02:30 Oprah Winfrey Show
03:30 The Bold And The Beautiful
04:30 General Hospital
05:30 Monk
06:30 The Simpsons
07:30 Cheers
08:00 Seinfeld
08:30 Hope & Faith

09:00 According To Jim
09:30 The Office
10:00 Two And A Half Men
10:30 Sons & Daughters
11:00 Growing Up Gotti
11:30 Seinfeld
12:00 Friends
DISCOVERY CHANNEL
08:30 I Shouldn't Be Alive
09:30 Deadliest Catch
10:30 I Shouldn't Be Alive
11:30 Junkyard Wars
12:30 Yummy Mummy
01:00 Runway Moms
01:30 Proboscis Monkey
02:30 Guilty Or Innocent
03:30 Beyond Tomorrow
04:30 I Shouldn't Be Alive
05:30 One Step Beyond
06:00 Building The Ultimate
06:30 Stunt Junkies
06:30 Ultimate Cars
07:30 Cheeta:
08:30 Great Savannah Race
09:30 Journey Of Life
10:30 Man Made Marvels
11:30 Haunting, A - Season II
NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC
09:00 Nat Geo Junior
10:30 Penguin Death Zone
11:30 Seconds From Disaster
12:30 Mummy Road Show
01:30 World Culture
02:00 Chasing Time With Hutch
02:30 Wild!
03:30 Wild! Life Adventures
04:30 Big Bang - S 7
05:00 Nat Geo Junior
06:00 Wildlife Diary
06:30 Wild! Life Adventures
07:30 My Favorite Monkey
08:30 MegaStructures
09:30 Frontline Of Construc-